14 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Electrostatic Hold-down Device

On 12 July 1967 [_____] of the Development Staff brought a   **STAT**
Richards light table to the Exploratory Development Laboratory
for examination. The light table had been modified to accomodate
an electrostatic hold-down device and it was felt that the
modification seriously reduced the light level. The work had
been performed by [_____] asked   **STAT**
to speak to the person handling the Data Corporation contract
and asked him if he would disassemble the light table and ascertain
which component in the hold down modification was attenuating the
illumination. [_____] suggested that [_____] first contact   **STAT**
[_____] before attempting any further investigations.   **STAT**

[_____] who monitored tasks 1,2, and 3 of the aforemen-   **STAT**
tioned contract [_____] felt that in seeking him out to   **STAT**
look at the equipment, it was apparent that someone was under the
impression that he monitored the task. For the sake of preventing
any further obfuscations, it is thus necessary to delineate
[_____] role in Task #4, the modification of the Richards   **STAT**
light table.

In April 1967, [_____] of the Development Staff asked   **STAT**
if we had a contract under which some work could be done to modify
a Richards light table to accomodate an electrostatic hold-down
device. [_____] that we had a T&M contract   **STAT**
with [_____] that might as yet have sufficient funds for the   **STAT**
project. At [_____] request [_____]   **STAT**
[_____] and obtained an up to the minute report on the funds   **STAT**
left in the contract. [_____] gave this figure to [_____]   **STAT**
Other than this, [_____] had nothing further to do with the   **STAT**
project. All subsequent decisions and actions were taken without
consulting or even notifying [_____] and at no time was his   **STAT**
counsel or opinions sought. [_____] knowledge of the project
has come solely from reports from [_____] which routinely   **STAT**
included status reports on the light table modification along with
reports on the tasks [_____] was monitoring. [_____] saw   **STAT**
the equipment for the first time on 12 July 1967.

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